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1. MISOFFS MET WITH SWISS ALTERNATE RESREP (VON SCHENK)
11/14 AT LATTER'S REQUEST AND LEARNED FROM HIM INFO
RECEIVED LATER SAME DAY FROM BERN (REF C) THAT THERE
WOULD BE FURTHER DELAY IN SUBMISSION NPT TO SWISS
PARLIAMENT, EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDING COMPLETION RATIFICATION
PROCESS UNTIL JUNE 1975 AT EARLIEST. VON SCHENK BLAMED
DELAY ON OPPOSITION TO NPT BEING RAISED BY PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE, INSPIRED BY "MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX"
AND OTHER CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS WHO WEREPUTTING FORWARD
ARGUMENTS ENCOUNTERED AT TIMES ELSEWHERE; E.G., NPT HAS
FAILED; SWISS NOT INTERESTED IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT SHOULD
PRESERVE OPTION FOR HAVING THEM IN SELF-DEFENSE IN LIGHT
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TRADITIONAL NEUTRALITY, AND FACT THAT NEIGHBOR (FRANCE) HAS

THEM, ETC. HE ALSO MENTIONED REPORT WHICH GOS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH PARLIAMENT. IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE HAD REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION FOR USE IN THIS REPORT.

2. DISCUSSION FOR MOST PART REVOLVED ON HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS POSED BY VON SCHENK PREMISED ON SWISS RATIFICATION OF NPT. IN COURSE DISCUSSION VON SCHNEK'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT WOULD BECOME OF US/SWISS BILATERAL IN EVENT GOS BECAME NPT PARTY, IT EMERGED THAT SWISS ADHERENCE TO NPT MIGHT RESULT IN APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS UNDER THREE DIFFERENT REGIMES: US BILATERAL APPLYING TO US-SUPPLIED TRITIUM, TRILATERAL APPLYING TO HEAVY WATER, AND INFCIRC/153-TYPE FOR BALANCE OF SWISS ACTIVITIES. VON SCHNEK COMMENTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH IN SOME WAY TO "STREAMLINE" THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. VON SCHNEK WONDERED WHAT CONSEQUENCES WOULD FOLLOW IF US/SWISS BILATERAL WAS TERMINATED WHEN GOS RATIFIED NPT. MISOFF STATED THAT UNDER US LAW, SWITZERLAND WOULD APPEAR TO BE OBLIGED TO RETURN ALL US-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, SINCE NPT ADHERENCE DID NOT SATISFY REQUIREMENTS IN US ATOMIC ENERGY ACT FOR GUARANTEE AGAINST USE FOR MILITARY PURPOSE. VON SCHENK OBSERVED THAT SWISS COULD, WITHOUT VIOLATING NPT, OBTAIN NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR NON-EXPLOSIVE MILITARY PURPOSES, SUCH AS HYPOTHETICAL NUCLEAR REACTOR-POWERED RADAR STATION, FROM SUPPLIER OTHER THAN US. MISOFF AGREED BUT POINTED OUT THAT GOS, IN STATEMENT ANNOUNCING SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT OF NPT, HAD ALREADY CIRCUMSCRIBED RANGE OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. STATEMENT OF GOS REGARDING NUCLEAR-GENERATED POWER (REF B) WOULD APPEAR TO OBLIGE SWITZERLAND UNDER NPT TO PLACE ALL NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

4. VON SCHENK REFERRED ANEW TO QUESTIONS RAISED LAST FEBRUARY REGARDING POSSIBILITIES SUSPENDING US/SWISS/IAEA TRILATERAL IN FAVOR OF UNILATERAL SUBMISSION (REF A). PER REFTEL D, MISOFF STATED THAT USG WOULD PREFER TO KEEP TRILATERAL INTACT. MISOFF STRESSED ARTICLE XV OF THAT AGREEMENT (PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS ON EXPORT) WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEvised TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS OF SWISS AND WAS JUSTIFIED TO IAEA BOARD AS TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION, AND THAT CHANCES OF DUPLICATING THIS CONDITION IN NEW AGREEMENT WERE VERY REMOTE. GOS WOULD THEREFORE BE ILL-ADVISED PRESENT SUCH PROPOSAL TO BOARD. PORTER

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